By the King.

A Proclamation against Inmates and multitudes of dwellers in strait Roomes and places in and about the Citie of London: And for the rasing and pulling downe of certaine new erected buildings.

WHereas it falleth out by wofull experience, that the great confluence and acceſſe of exceſſiue numbers of idle, indigent, diſſolute and dangerous perſons, And the peſtering of many of them in ſmall and ſtrait roomes and habitations in the Citie of London, and in and about the Suburbes of the ſame, haue bene one of the chiefeſt occaſions of the great Plague and mortality, Which hath not only moſt extremely abounded in and about the ſayd City, and Suburbes therof, and eſpecially in ſuch ſtrait roomes and places, and amongſt perſons of ſuch qualitie, but alſo from thence hath moſt dangerouſly ouerſpread, and infected very many principall, and other parts of this Realme, (Which Almighty God ceaſe at his good pleaſure) His Maieſtie tendering the ſafetie of his louing Subiects, and minding, as much as in him lyeth, to auoide the continuance or renewing of ſuch mortalitie, doth by the aduice of his Priuie Councell, not onely ſtraightly require and command that his Maieſties good and profitable Orders and directions alreadie publiſhed for the ſtaying (if God ſo pleaſe) of the ſame Infection, be carefully, ſpeedily, and duely executed, but alſo doth ſtraightly prohibite and forbid, That no new Tenant or Inmate, or other perſon or perſons, be admitted to inhabite or reſide in any ſuch houſe or place in the ſaide Citie, Suburbes, or within foure miles of the ſame, Which haue bene ſo infected, during the continuance of this Plague and mortalitie, in or about the ſayd Citie, nor after, vntill ſuch time and as it ſhall be thought ſafe and expedient by the principall Officers there for the time being, That is to ſay, if it be within the ſayd Citie, by the Alderman of the Ward, or his Deputie; if without, then by the next Iuſtice of the Peace. Wherein his Maieſtie ſtraightly doeth charge and require euery of the ſaid Aldermen, and their Deputies, and euery Iuſtice of the Peace to whom it ſhall appertaine, That they take ſpeciall care, that none of the foreſaid Roomes, Houſes, or plakes be hereafter peſtered with multitudes of dwellers, or with any Inmates. And that ſuch of the ſaid Roomes, Houſes, or places as by any Proclamation heretofore publiſhed, are ordered or appointed to be raſed or pulled downe, ſhall forthwith, the ſame being now voide, or as the ſame ſhall hereafter become voide, be raſed and pulled downe accordingly. And being once pulled downe, that they or any of them at any time afterwards, ſuffer not any of the ſame to be newly erected, as they will anſwere the contrary at their vttermoſt perill.

Giuen at his Maieſties Manor of Woodſtocke, the ſixteenth day of September, in the firſt yeere of our Raigne of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the ſeuen and thirtieth.

God ſaue the King.

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